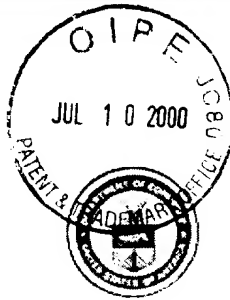


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Sir:

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2. A check in the amount of \$65.00.

A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts is being filed simultaneously.

Although a check is being submitted herewith, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayments in connection with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

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